SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 812

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the YMCA of Metropolitan Chattanooga upon the celebration of its 150th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause to recognize those community institutions and organizations that strive to improve the lives of children and families in their local communities; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy organization is the YMCA of Metropolitan Chattanooga, which is celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2022; and

WHEREAS, to date, the YMCA of Metropolitan Chattanooga engages 60,000 individuals through programs and services across nineteen locations, including one residential camp and three child development centers; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the YMCA of Metropolitan Chattanooga endeavor to honor the organization's Christian mission, the core tenets of which are diversity and inclusion; they are committed to ensuring that the members, program participants, donors, volunteers, and team members at the YMCA feel genuinely welcomed, encouraged, and supported; and

WHEREAS, the YMCA of Metropolitan Chattanooga's areas of impact include youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility through programs such as Y-CAP, Summer Day Camp and YMCA Camp Ocoee, Safety Around Water, Youth Sports, Miracle League, Mobile Fit, and Backpack Blessings; healthy living programs; afterschool programs; and downtown preschools; and

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's people face difficult challenges, the YMCA is one of our finest assets, providing young people and their families with a wide variety of

programs designed to develop character, achieve better mental and physical fitness, and build lasting and positive relationships with peers; and

WHEREAS, this State is well served by its many YMCAs, and the YMCA of Metropolitan Chattanooga is an excellent example of the very best these clubs have to offer; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the leadership, staff, and members of the YMCA of Metropolitan Chattanooga on the occasion of the club's 150th anniversary and wish every one of them the very best in all of their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.

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